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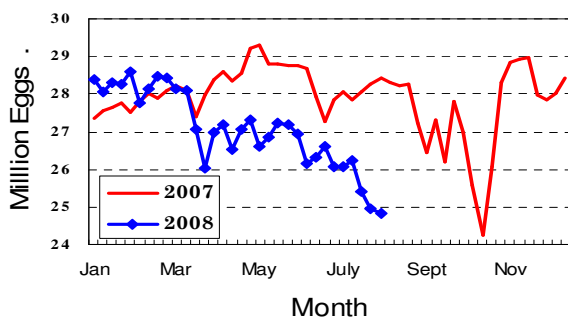
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### Arkansas Chick Placements Down 9 Percent from Last Year

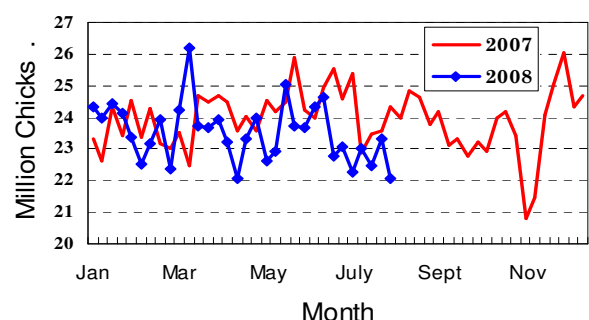
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 22.1 million during the week ending August 9, 2008. Placements were down 9 percent from the comparable week in 2007, and down 5 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 24.8 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 9, 2008, down 13 percent from the same period last year, and virtually unchanged from the previous week.

**Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2007-2008**



**Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2007-2008**



**Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, July 12, 2008 - August 9, 2008**

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	12-Jul	19-Jul	26-Jul	2-Aug	9-Aug	12-Jul	19-Jul	26-Jul	2-Aug	9-Aug
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	30,699	30,988 *	30,737 *	29,630 *	29,855	21,456	21,112	20,686 *	21,021 *	21,457
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>26,089</b>	<b>26,250</b>	<b>25,387</b>	<b>24,958 *</b>	<b>24,844</b>	<b>22,289</b>	<b>23,028</b>	<b>22,469</b>	<b>23,314 *</b>	<b>22,061</b>
Delaware	3,624	3,629	3,589	3,657	3,644	4,594	4,388	3,949	4,497	4,952
Florida	1,351	1,323 *	1,226	1,271	1,306	1,160	1,227	1,180	1,282	1,134
Georgia	34,007	33,591	33,274	32,701	32,918	27,742	27,913	27,048	28,161	27,818
Kentucky	7,922	8,051 *	7,983 *	7,974	7,739	5,918 *	5,390 *	6,420 *	5,912	6,115
Louisiana	3,651	3,621	3,621	3,470	3,470	3,543	3,465	3,572	3,359	3,757
Maryland	8,852	8,762	8,919	8,763	8,841	5,922	5,454	5,851	6,316	5,551
Mississippi	18,891	18,732 *	18,560	18,561	18,598	16,718	16,553	16,717	16,826 *	16,845
N. Carolina	18,159	18,615 *	19,360	18,985	19,071	15,980	15,849	15,295	15,021	15,566
Oklahoma	7,293	6,947 *	7,060	6,863	6,829	6,113	5,103	4,919	3,910	5,028
Pennsylvania	4,384	4,511	4,492	4,410	4,469	3,436	3,406	3,219	3,344	3,367
S. Carolina	5,380	5,659	5,494	5,528	5,309	5,027	4,737	4,624	4,819	4,789
Texas	15,615	15,633 *	14,993	14,632	15,034	13,414	12,350	13,214	13,080	13,113
Virginia	6,075	6,328	6,388	6,250	6,250	5,355	5,407	5,449	4,557	5,080
CA,MO,TN& WV	19,475 *	18,980 *	18,894 *	19,198 *	18,986	16,680 *	17,059 *	16,367 *	17,506 *	16,821
19 State Total	211,467 *	211,620 *	209,977 *	206,851 *	207,163	175,347 *	172,441 *	170,979 *	172,925 *	173,454
Prev. Year Total	218,175	216,979	217,989	216,255	217,312	177,496	172,031	176,538	179,654	177,691
% of Prev. Year	97	98	96	96	95	99	100	97	96	98

\* Revised in current week.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 5 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending August 9, 2008. This was down 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler Chicks Placed Down 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 9, 2008. Placements were down 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through August 9, 2008 were 5.68 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.